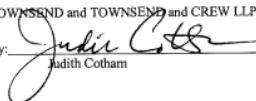


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2008, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A one-month extension of time accompanies this Amendment. As February 16, 2009 was a National Holiday, Applicants believe that the present Amendment is being timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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